

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/11/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 31-47 (renumbered 1-17 respectively).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 06/09/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Laura Zeman, Attorney on June 9, 2005.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 48 without prejudice.

Claim 31, line 2 delete the recitation "where" and replace with --comprising--.

Claim 31, line 2 delete the recitation "consist".

Claim 31, line 8 after the recitation "antibody;" insert a new paragraph:

--c. adding a laser desorption/ionization agent to the released and isolated analyte species to form a mass spectrometric mixture;--.

Claim 31, line 9 delete the recitation "c." and replace with --d.--.

Claim 31, line 12 delete the recitation "d." and replace with --e.--.

Claim 36, line 2 delete the recitation "where" and replace with --comprising--.

Claim 36, line 2 delete the recitation "consist".

Claim 36, line 7 after the recitation "a solid substrate:" insert a new paragraph:

--b. releasing the isolated analyte species by eluting the analyte species from the antibodies;--.

--c. adding a laser desorption/ionization agent to the released and isolated analyte species to form a mass spectrometric mixture;--.

Claim 36, line 8 delete the recitation "b." and replace with --d.--.

Claim 36, line 8 after the recitation "isolated" insert --and released--.

Claim 36, line 11 the recitation "c." and replace with --e.--.

Claim 37, line 11 after the recitation "affinity reagent" delete the recitation "; and" and replace with --.--.

Claim 37, lines 12-14 delete the recitation "c. adding a laser desorption/ionization agent to the isolated post-combination affinity reagent to form a mass spectrometric mixture."

Claim 41, line 11 after the recitation "affinity reagent" delete "; and" and replace with --.--.


Claim 41, lines 12-13 delete the recitation "d. adding a laser desorption/ionization agent to the isolated post-combination affinity reagent to form a mass spectrometric mixture."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary W. Counts whose telephone number is (571) 2720817. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le can be reached on (571) 272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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